



## Caves

### HERE IS A CAVE

Here is a cave. Inside is a bear.  
 Now he comes out to get some fresh air.  
 He stays out all summer in sunshine and heat.  
 He hunts in the forest for berries to eat.  
 When snow starts to fall, he hurries inside  
 His warm little cave and there he will hide.  
 Snow covers the cave like a fluffy white rug.  
 Inside the bear sleeps all cozy and snug.

### HOUSES

Here is a nest for robin  
 Here is a hive for a bee  
 Here is a hole for a bunny  
 And here is a house for me!

### SLEEPING BATS

(Tune: *Frere Jacques*)

Bats are sleeping, bats are sleeping,  
 Upside down, upside down,  
 Sleeping in the morning sun,  
 Waiting for the night to come,  
 Then fly around, fly around.

### FLYING BATS

If I could hide inside this cave,  
 What wondrous sight I'd see;  
 Brown bats all hanging upside down  
 Like dark leaves on a tree.  
 Their mouths wide open as they fly,  
 Shouting sounds as they go by;  
 The echoes bounce off rocks and things.  
 To help them steer their hunter's wings.

### GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

We're going on a bear hunt,  
 we're gonna catch a big one!  
 What a beautiful day! We're not scared!

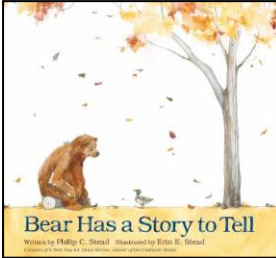
Oh no! It's (an obstacle). (Describe the obstacle).  
 We can't go over it, we can't go under it, we've got to  
 go through it! (sound effects)

(Obstacles—tall wavy grass, cold swift river, dark dark  
 forest, a cave...)

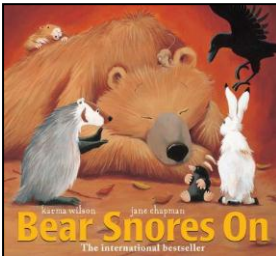
Find the bear in the cave, and have him chase you  
 quickly backwards through the path you created.



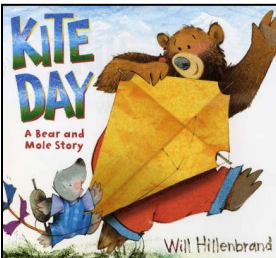
***Kali's song*** by Jeanette Winter  
**E WIN**  
 Thousands and thousands of  
 years ago, a young boy gets his  
 first hunting bow and learns to  
 shoot, but he prefers to use the  
 bow to make music.



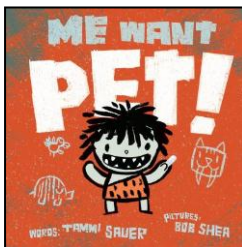
***Bear has a story to tell***  
 by Phillip Stead  
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 Bear, with the help of his animal  
 friends, remembers the story he  
 had hoped to tell before the  
 onset of winter.



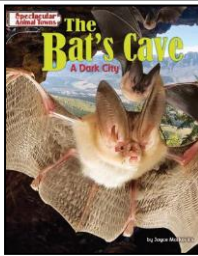
***Bear snores on***  
 by Karma Wilson  
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 One of many books by Wilson  
 about Bear the friends who visit  
 him in his cave.



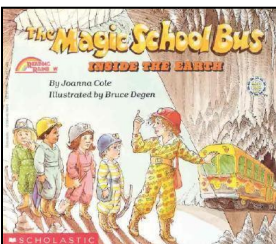
***Kite day : a Bear and Mole  
 book*** by Will Hillenbrand  
**E HIL**  
 Bear and Mole build a kite and  
 take it out on a windy day, but  
 when the weather suddenly turns  
 stormy there are unexpected  
 consequences for some birds.



***Me want pet*** by Tammi Sauer  
**E SAU**  
 When Cave Boy wants a pet, he  
 tries a woolly mammoth, a saber-  
 toothed tiger, and a dodo bird,  
 but none seems suitable.



***The bat's cave : a dark city***  
 by Joyce Markovics  
**JNF 599.4 MAR**  
 A look at how bats hunt, sleep,  
 raise their young, and more.



***The magic school bus :  
 inside the earth*** by Joanna Cole  
**E MAG**  
 On a special field trip in the  
 magic school bus, Ms Frizzle's  
 class learn at first hand about  
 different kinds of rocks and the  
 formation of the earth.

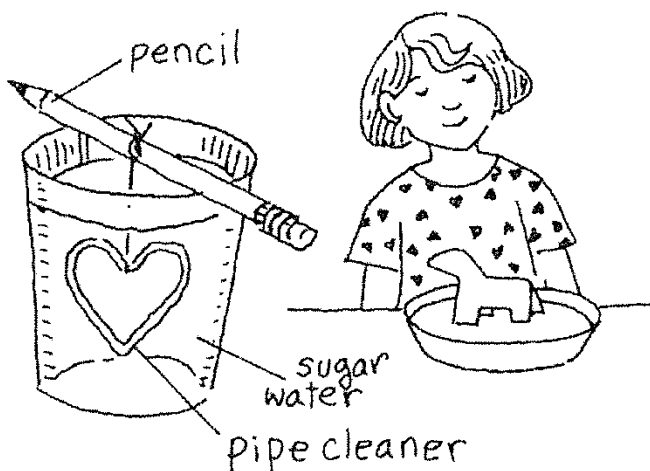
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### Create Crystal Creatures



- waterproof table covering
- water
- saucepan
- sugar
- plastic cups
- pipe cleaners (also called chenille stems)
- string
- scissors
- pencils
- food coloring
- index cards
- Epsom salts
- alum
- permanent markers
- pie pan

*Be sure to follow all directions and safety warnings!*

Dip decorations and paper sculptures in a crystal solution, and watch your work crystallize overnight!

Cover your work surface. Have an adult help you throughout this activity. Heat a cup of water until it begins to steam. Remove it from heat and stir in 2 cups of sugar. Then pour the solution into plastic cups. Mold pipe cleaners into decorative shapes (star, heart, cat, initials). Tie one end of a piece of string to a pipe cleaner shape and the other end around a pencil. Let the shape sit in the solution by balancing the pencil on the rim of the cup. Leave it overnight, and then remove it from the solution and let dry on a paper towel. When dry, the decorations will be covered with shiny crystals. They can be hung in a window, from a shelf, or anywhere! For larger crystals, allow the pipe cleaner to soak for a longer time in the solution. For colorful crystals, add food coloring to the crystal solution.

Create crystals of a different texture by using different materials. Follow the same recipe, replacing the sugar with Epsom salts (wash your hands after touching Epsom salts). Or try adding alum (available at the drugstore) to hot water for a different crystal solution: Ask an adult to heat a cup of water until it steams, pour it into a cup, and stir in alum spoonful by spoonful until no more will dissolve. Then suspend the pipe cleaner shape in the solution. To make a crystal sculpture, fold an index card in half. Draw an animal, person, creature, or shape on the card using the edges of the card as the bottom. Cut out the shape. Pour one of the crystal solutions into a pie pan. Stand the paper shape in the solution, leave it for several days, and watch the crystals grow to cover it!

